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REFS A. STATE 16224, B. PRAGUE 1721, C. STATE 186681

1. WE SUBMIT BELOW POSSIBLE TALKING POINTS FOR CSCE DEMARCHE,
FOR DEPARTMENT'S APPROVED:

--THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT SEEK AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFRONTATION
AT BELGRADE TALKS. WE EXPECT ALL PARTIES TO APPROACH THE REVIEW
OF CSCE IMPLEMENTATION IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.

-- WE ARE PLEASED AT THE RECENT AGREEMENT OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS,
EFFECTIVE JUNE 27, 1977, TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF MULTIPLE-ENTRY
OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC VISAS FOR PERIODS UP TO FOUR YEARS, OR
THE LENGTH OF AN ASSIGNMENT.

BASKET I

-- CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES. THE UNITED STATES HAS, IN
COORDINATION WITH ITS ALLIES, NOTIFIED CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF FIVE
MILITARY MANEUVERS; HOWEVER, THESE NOTIFICATIONS HAVE NEITHER BEEN
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ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE, NOR HAS THE GOVERNMENT
OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO SEND OBSERVERS. WE
UNDERSTAND THAT NO MANEUVERS MAY HAVE BEEN HELD WHICH REQUIRED
NOTIFICATION BUT NOTE THAT SOME OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE SOUGHT TO
ADVANCE THE CBM CONCEPT BY NOTIFYING NEIGHBORING STATES OF SMALLER-
SCALE MANEUVERS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE FINAL ACT.

-- WITH REGARD TO THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, THE USG RESERVES THE RIGHT TO STATE ITS VIEWS ON ALL TEN PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING THE SEVENTH PRINCIPLE CALLING FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, AND REJECTS THE ARGUMENT THAT SPEAKING OUT ON THESE PRINCIPLES IS TANTAMOUNT TO INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER SIGNATORY STATES.

BASKET II

BUSINESS CONTACTS AND FACILITIES.

-- WE ARE STILL DISAPPOINTED WITH THE DIFFICULTIES OUR EMBASSY ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE HAD IN ARRANGING CONTACTS WITH CERTAIN CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY AT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE FEDERAL PRICE OFFICE -- WHERE WE HAVE

HAD A REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT PENDING SINCE NOVEMBER, 1976.

-- ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO WESTERN BUSINESSMEN CONTINUES TO BE INADEQUATE. THE FINAL ACT PRESCRIBES THAT ECONOMIC INFORMATION SHOULD BE "OF SUCH A NATURE AS TO ALLOW ADEQUATE MARKET ANALYSIS." INABILITY TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION DISCOURAGES WESTERN FIRMS FROM SEEKING TO DO BUSINESS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
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-- AMERICAN PREPARATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BRNO ENGINEERING FAIR WERE RECENTLY HAMPERED BY THE REFUSAL OF CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW MR. JIRI FRANTAL, THE EMBASSY'S SENIOR COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST TO PROCEED TO VIENNA ON BUSINESS FOR THE EMBASSY.

BASKET III

HUMAN CONTACTS.

-- WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE MODEST PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE IN THE REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES; HOWEVER, WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE APPROXIMATELY 30 NUCLEAR AND 15 NONNUCLEAR CASES WHICH REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED.

-- WE WELCOMED THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PROCEDURES TO PERMIT PERSONS WHO LEFT CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITHOUT PRESCRIBED DOCUMENTATION TO REGULARIZE THEIR STATUS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO VISIT THEIR FAMILIES HERE.

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-- IN THE CASE OF THE GABRIEL CHILDREN, WE HAVE GIVEN MRS.
GABRIEL A VISA IN THE PAST, AND STAND READY TO DO SO AGAIN.
IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS COMMUNICATED TO THE
CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
ITS UNDERSTANDING OF THE
STEPS WHICH MRS. GABRIEL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A LAWYER,
MIGHT TAKE TO APPEAL THE CASE. CONSTITUTIONAL RESTRICTIONS,
HOWEVER, PREVENT THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FROM INTERVENING DIRECTLY
IN THE CASE.

-- THE U.S. CONGRESS IN REVIEWING OUR VISA LAWS TO DETERMINE HOW
THEY CAN BE IMPROVED TO MEET THE AIMS OF THE FINAL ACT. A
HOUSE JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE DELEGATION WHICH VISITED PRAGUE AUGUST
16-19 IS LOOKING INTO THE RELEVANCE OF EXISTING RESTRICTIONS
ON ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS.

INFORMATION.

-- WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE APPEARANCE THIS SPRING
OF A SMALL NUMBER OF WESTERN JOURNALS; HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF
COPIES AND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE SOLD PRIMARILY IN HOTELS, NOT
IN NEWS-STANDS FREQUENTED BY CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS, SCARCELY SEEMS
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TO HAVE IMPROVED, IN A PRACTICAL WAY, THE AVAILABILITY OF AND
ACCESS TO IMPORTED PUBLICATIONS AS INTENDED BY THE FINAL ACT.

-- MEANWHILE, WE DEEPLY REGRET THE CONTINUING EXTRA-ORDINARY
ANTI-US PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN OF THE CONTROLLED CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA;
THIS CAMPAIGN DIRECTLY CONTRADICTS THE EFFORT AT CSCE TO
STRENGTHEN "SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE".

CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

-- WHILE WE WELCOME THE PROGRESS MADE DURING THE LAST YEAR
TOWARD CONCLUSION OF A BILATERAL CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT--WHICH WE HOPE CAN BE SIGNED
IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE -- WE HAVE BEEN DISMAYED BY THE
RECENT DECISION TO CANCEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AMERICAN FULBRIGHT
LECTURER IN LITERATURE AT CHARLES UNIVERSITY. THIS IS
A STEP BACKWARDS.

CONCLUSION.

-- WE HOPE ALL COUNTRIES SIGNATORY TO THE FINAL ACT WILL
TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES POSSIBLE TO MOVE CLOSER TOWARDS FULL
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT BEFORE THE BELGRADE MEETING CONVENES
THIS FALL.

2. DELIVERY: WE PROPOSE THAT THE CHARGE DELIVER THIS DEMARCHE
DURING THE COURSE OF A PLANNED CALL ON A DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER,
EITHER VEJVODA OR JABLONSKY, TO DISCUSS SEVERAL OTHER MULTILATERAL
MATTERS OR THAT THE AMBASSADOR DELIVER IT DURING HIS FIRST CALL
ON ONE OF THOSE TWO OFFICIALS FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM HOME LEAVE
AT THE END OF AUGUST.

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